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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment to California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your approval. This amendment modifies an exempt project in the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the State.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
30	State, and Local Element

- Modifies funding for the SR 89/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation project (also known as the "Mousehole" project) by programming \$880,000 of High Priority Project funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07 and changes the fund type of \$498,000 from National Highway System in FY 2005/06 to State Cash in FY 2006/07. These funds are for the Project Approval & Environmental Document Phase of the project.

The updated programming is for a project that is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed per 40 Code of Federal Regulations 93.126 Table 2. Therefore, no further conformity determination is required. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and does not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. This project is included and submitted by the California Department of Transportation through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross A. Chittenden', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
Chief
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Enclosures

- c: Lisa Hanf, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
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